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# **Amendments to the Claims:**

Claims 2, 3 and 4 are original patent claims and they are presented as amended relative to the original patent specification and claims, including bracketing and underlining as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.173(d)(1) and (2) and MPEP § 1453. Claims 5-11, 13-15 and 29 are new claims (i.e., claims not found in the patent, that were previously presented in the reissue application) and thus are represented "containing the amendatory material, and completely underlining the claim." MPEP § 1453. Claim 5 is amended by this paper. Accordingly, the change to claim 5 is pointed out in the "Remarks" portion of the amendment and the support for these changes is explained. 37 C.F.R. § 1.173(c) and MPEP § 1453.

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# 2. (Previously Amended) A sliding sun visor assembly comprising:

a rod assembly including a longitudinally extending rod, a torque control pivotally attached to said rod, and a guide fixed to one surface of said torque control, said guide having a substantially H-shaped cross section; and

a visor body including a longitudinally extending bore for receiving said rod, and a longitudinally extending track, said track forming a substantially enclosed longitudinally extending passage adjacent one surface of said visor body, said passage being shaped to receive a portion of said guide in a sliding engagement; whereby upon moving the visor body longitudinally along said rod, said track slides relative to said guide;

[The sliding visor assembly of claim 1,]wherein said track includes a first [vertical] wall extending perpendicularly from said surface of said visor body; a second [vertical] wall extending perpendicularly from said surface of the visor body, said second [vertical] wall being spaced from said first [vertical] wall; and a [horizontal] third wall substantially parallel to said surface of the visor body, said [horizontal] third wall extending between the first and second walls and being spaced from said surface of said visor body such that said passage is formed therebetween, said [horizontal] third wall including a partially longitudinally extending slot.

### 3. (Previously Amended) A sliding sun visor assembly comprising:

a rod assembly including a longitudinally extending rod, a torque control pivotally attached to said rod, and a guide fixed to one surface of said torque control and;

a visor body including a longitudinally extending bore for receiving said rod, and a longitudinally extending track, said track forming a substantially enclosed longitudinally extending passage adjacent one surface of said visor body, said passage being shaped to receive a portion of the guide in a sliding engagement whereby upon moving said visor body longitudinally along said rod, said track slides relative to said guide, said track further including a first [vertical] wall extending from and perpendicular to said surface of said visor body, a second [vertical] wall extending from and perpendicular to said surface of said visor body, said second [vertical] wall being spaced from and parallel to said first [vertical] wall, and a [horizontal] third wall substantially parallel to said surface of said visor body, said

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a slot formed within said track.

[horizontal] <u>third</u> wall extending between said first and second walls and being spaced from said surface of said visor body such that said passage is formed therebetween, said [horizontal] <u>third</u> wall including a partially longitudinally extending slot.

4. (Previously Amended) A sliding sun visor assembly comprising:
a rod assembly including a longitudinally extending rod, a torque control pivotally attached to said rod, and a guide fixed to one surface of said torque control; and a visor body including a longitudinally extending bore for receiving said rod, and a longitudinally extending track, said track forming a substantially enclosed longitudinally extending passage adjacent one surface of the visor body, said passage being shaped to receive a portion of the guide in a sliding engagement whereby upon moving said body longitudinally along said rod, said track slides relative to said guide, said guide further including a first leg coupled to said torque [controls] control, a second leg, and a cross bar joining said first leg to said second leg, such that said legs are spaced and parallel to one another, wherein upon assembly said second leg is received within said passage and said cross bar extends through

## 5. A sliding sun visor assembly comprising:

### a rod assembly including:

a longitudinally extending rod;

a torque control pivotally attached to said rod, and a guide fixed to one surface of said torque control, the guide having a pair of opposing legs extending transversely away from said rod, the legs defining a longitudinal slot therebetween; and

#### a visor body including:

a structure projecting therefrom defining a longitudinally extending bore for receiving said rod, and

a longitudinally extending track being shaped to receive a portion of said guide, wherein the track cooperates longitudinally between the pair of opposing legs of said guide in a sliding engagement within the slot, whereby upon moving the visor body longitudinally along said rod, said track slides relative to said guide;

wherein said track forms a substantially enclosed longitudinally extending passage adjacent one surface of said visor body, and said visor is assembled by sliding the opposing legs of said guide onto said track from an opening to the passage provided on a distal end of said track.

- 6. The visor of claim 5, wherein the torque control defines a first pivotal attachment to said rod, and the structure projecting from the visor body at least partially circumscribes said rod and defines a second pivotal attachment to said rod, wherein at least one of said pivotal attachments is slidably engaged to said rod, and said second pivotal attachment is slidably engaged with said rod.
- 7. The visor of claim 6, wherein the track and the second pivotal attachment are fixed with respect to the visor body, such that linear movement of the track with respect to the guide is generally equivalent to corresponding linear movement of the second pivotal attachment with respect to the rod.

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8. The visor of claim 5, wherein said track includes at least one wall that projects from said visor body.

9. The visor of claim 8, wherein a lowermost portion of said guide is U-shaped for cooperating with said projecting wall of said track.

10. The visor of claim 8, wherein the pair of opposing legs slidably receive said wall that projects from said visor body therebetween.

11. The visor of claim 8, wherein a ridge extends from said wall of said track of said visor body.

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- 13. The visor of claim 6, wherein a portion of said visor body associated with and proximate to said second pivotal attachment limits the longitudinal movement of said visor body by contact with said first pivotal attachment.
- 14. The visor of claim 6, wherein a portion of said visor body associated with and proximate to said second pivotal attachment defines a limit to a longitudinal range of movement of said visor body along said rod by contacting the torque control at a first end of said longitudinal range of movement.
- 15. The visor of claim 5, wherein a structure projecting from said visor body limits the longitudinal movement of said visor body along said rod by said guide.
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## 29. A sliding sun visor comprising:

a rod assembly including a longitudinally extending rod, a torque control pivotally attached to said rod defining a first pivotal attachment to said rod, said first pivotal attachment being substantially coaxial with said longitudinal rod, and a guide fixed to and extending from one surface of said torque control, said guide including a pair of opposing legs extending therefrom defining a longitudinal slot therebetween; and

a visor body including a longitudinally extending bore for receiving said rod allowing said visor body to slide axially with respect to said rod, said longitudinally extending

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bore being substantially coaxial with said rod; said visor body also including a longitudinally extending track slidably engaged between said opposing legs of said guide and received within said longitudinal slot, said track forming a substantially enclosed longitudinally extending passage adjacent one surface of said visor body, said passage being shaped to receive a portion of said guide in a sliding engagement; whereby upon moving the visor body longitudinally along said rod, said track slides relative to said guide.

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- 31. Canceled